THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH Al FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b)Yes, Sir. As per repo.. received from the State, there were 248 Dengue cases in the Bangalore during 2002. In the State of Karnataka cases of Dengue fever reported during 2000, 2001 and 2002 were 196,220 and 411 respectively.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Technical support for investigation, prevention and control of Dengue outbreak in different parts of the country is provided to the States through Department of National Anti Malaria Programme (NAMP) and National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD), Delhi. Depertment. of NAMP and NICD provide laboratory diagnostic support for confirmatory etiological diagnosis. They also organize training programmes on prevention and control of Dengue fever for State and district level health functionaries.

The States utilize the commodities supplied under NAMP for containment measures against Dengue, if required.

Improvement of hospitals in Assam

4516. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received from the State of Assam for financial grants for improving the services of the existing Government hospitals during the last three years;

(b) the necessary action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the details of funds allotted by Government for improvement of hospitals in the State during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF (HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) to (c) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has provided following financial assistance to the Government of Assam under the scheme, 'Assistance for Capacity Building' during the last three years:-

1. Rs. 110.00 lakhs for providing facilities of Hospital Waste Management in Guwahati Medical College, Guwahati, Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh, Silcher Medical College, Silcher and Mohendra Mohan Choudhary Hospital, Guwahati.
2. Rs. 150.00 lakhs for strengthening of diagnostic facilities in Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh.

3. Rs. 150.00 lakhs for upgradation and strengthening of Emergency and Trauma Services in the Nalbari District Hospital, Nalbari.

The proposal seeking financial assistance for upgradation and strengthening of emergency facilities in Government Hospital, Nazira, District Sibsagar has been examined and certain additional information has been called for from Government of Assam.

Department of Development of North-Eastern Region has informed that under Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources, following assistance has been provided to the Government of Assam during the last three years :

1. Rs. 1.69 crores for upgradation of 100 bedded Civil Hospital at Udaiguri.

2. Rs. 20.00 crores for development of Assam Medical College and Hospital (HOPE), Dibrugarh.

Increase in breast cancer cases

4517. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH :
SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY :
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cases of breast cancer particularly in urban areas are increasing;

(b) if so, the main factors contributing to this;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a possibility of treatment of about 70 per cent cases of breast cancer, if detected in time; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government to increase awareness among the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) and (b) As per the data collected on the incidence of breast Cancer in Delhi during the period 1988-97 by the National Cancer Registry Programme of the Indian Council of Medical Research the rates of incidence have more or less remained the same.

(c) and (d) The cancer treatment is effective if cancer is detected and treated in the early stages.